

## **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne**

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

**Peace on Earth**

It is only a few weeks since we heard Jesus advising his disciples to greet people with the words: ‘*Peace to this house!*’ We associate Jesus with peace rather than division. When he greets the disciples after the Resurrection, his first words are: ‘*Peace be with you*’. Yet, here he is talking about division, even within households and families.

At the time Luke was writing his Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division, and many households were torn apart over what to believe. It was Jesus’ desire that the flame of his Good News would burn brightly - ‘*I came to bring fire to the earth*’ - but not everyone was ready for his radical vision, and division was the natural and painful consequence. We still live in a divided world when it comes to Jesus’ message. Different factions in the Church argue and swipe at each other, often in very unchristian ways, lacking genuine respect or dialogue. Parents and grandparents can be hurt when younger family members drift away from the faith or have a different way of practicing it. Some people walk away because they feel unwelcome or betrayed by the Church.

A certain amount of conflict is unavoidable as we navigate our changing faith landscape, but we do have a choice. Do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions, or do we try to listen and to heal, as Jesus did in his encounters with others? None of us have all the answers, but we seek and move forward together hoping that a better world is ahead, and that Jesus is guiding us ever closer to the peace he promised.

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“The peace promised by God does not come from accepting the world as it is . . . The Christian community was established by Jesus in order to show a broken world how to live as the new creation which Jesus promised for the future. The Christian community, by the way we live, love, care and share with each other, is called to say ‘No’ to our world as it is, to say ‘Yes’ to the world as it should be.- *Peter McVerry SJ*

### **ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

<b>St. Brigid’s</b>	<b>St. Patrick’s</b>	<b>The Assumption</b>
<b>Talbotstown</b>	<b>Rathvilly</b>	<b>Tynock</b>
<b>Sat/Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2025</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	

**Recent Deaths:** Kathleen Gaul nee Kehoe, Dublin and formerly Williamstown  
Margaret Byrne, Castledermot, sister in law to Josie Finn

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Fr Christopher O’Brien, Haroldstown

Peter Blake, Garretstown

Peter & Josie Doyle, Knockroe

### **ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

### **ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – each Friday 3-6 pm.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August**

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €213.18

Envelopes €681.72

Kiltegan: Offertory €63.65

Envelopes €268.00

### **EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at **7.00 p.m.** in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling situation in Gaza.

### **PARISH LOTTO** (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results from 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 01-20-25-28. 11 Match 3 numbers get €91.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August. **Jackpot €20,000.**

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

### **KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN LITURGY CONFERENCE**

It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5)

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to [www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference](http://www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference) for more details. Booking will go live in the coming week.

### **MESSAGE RE. DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA – SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST:**

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "*We must cry out for peace in the world*" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "*We want peace in the world!*" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "*Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering*".

The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "*man's inhumanity to man*". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer.

We can light a candle in our family home or local parish Church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "*let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.*" X Denis

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at 3 pm. Confessions available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59

Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00

**\*\*Booking essential** - Please either text or call Barbara 0861637311

Stating name and number of companions\*\*. All welcome

**Graigecullen Bingo Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025** St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers € 3430 Double number € 880 Lotto €500

### **DUCK RACE – Family Fun Event**

Duck Race in aid of Rathvilly Heritage Interest Group takes place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Slaney Bank, Rathvilly at 2.30 p.m. €5 per line – lines can be purchased in Centra or revolut your name and money to 086 8594340 to be in with a chance to win – 1<sup>st</sup> prize €100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize €50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize €25, 4<sup>th</sup> prize €25. Your support would be very much appreciated.

### **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 13-17-23-25

Michael Sibbald, Rathvilly 8-13-17-25

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 19<sup>th</sup>.August, 2025 Jackpot €15,900. Thank you for all your support

### **RATHVILLY GAA CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-11-27-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Bridie Kehoe Grangecon 4-8-11-27

Bingo winner

Next draw 19 Aug. 2025

**Jackpot €4.000.** Thank you for your continued support.

### **FESTIVAL OF ART & HARVEST FLOWERS**

**St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly R93 FK59 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Opening Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. Guest Speakers: Turtle & Ally Bunbury

Music by Sonya, Rachael & Miriam Burgess Exhibition continues –

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> - 11.30 am – 7 pm Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> - 12 pm – 5 pm.

Refreshments served – Free admission.

### **Bulky Waste Drop Off for Householders at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site**

• Location: Powerstown Civic Amenity Site, Kilkenny Road, Carlow (R93RF22)

• Dates: 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 during normal opening hours

Tuesday - Friday 8.30am -4pm Saturday 8.30am -12.30pm

• Cost: €5 per vehicle. • Eligibility: Open to householders only

For more information, please contact the team at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site on 059 9172406 or email [powerstown@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:powerstown@carlowcoco.ie)

### **JUBILEE YEAR OPPORTUNITIES AT LOUGH DERG - AUG & SEPT.**

**One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection** - places available on

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

### **HERITAGE WEEK**

Lots happening in County Carlow for Heritage Week 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, visit the Heritage Week Website [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) to find out all about the great events happening! Clay Modelling, Creative Writing, Crochet, Butter & Jam making, etc. Booking Required for all these Workshops by Email to [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) Storytime With Ally - Tullow Library – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 11am.